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SUBJECT: STATUS OF MILITARY MISSIONS IN WEST BERLIN

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1. WE HAVE HEARD NO RECENT RUMBLINGS ABOUT DESIRE OF ANY MM' S TO CHANGE THEIR STATUS BUT IT DOES NOT SEEM TO US THAT THE MM' S IN WEST BERLIN TODAY HAVE SUFFICIENT LEGAL OR SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE IN TERMS OF STATUS OF CITY TO WARRANT ALLIED OBJECTIONS SHOULD IT BECOME CLEAR THAT THE TEN REMAINING WITH ON- THE- SCENE REPRESENTATION CHOSE TO CONVERT THEMSELVES TO CONSULATES. (IN SUCH EVENT, THE OTHER TWO, WITH ONLY PAPER REPRESENTATION, WOULD PRESUMABLY DISAPPEAR FROM THE BOOKS.) THERE IS PRECEDENT FOR CONVERSION IN PAST (INDIA), AND, AS EMBASSY POINTS OUT, IT WOULD IN ANY CASE BE DIFFICULT TO ATTEMPT TO BLOCK CONVERSION.

2. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, WISH TO AVOID SITUATION IN WHICH ONLY EAST EUROPEANS (POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA) MAINTAINED MM' S, THEREBY IMPLYING SOME
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SPECIAL PREROGATIVES IN REGARD TO OCCUPATION OF CITY.
FOR THE MOMENT, FACT THAT CZECHS HAVE NO DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH BONN MAY BE INHIBITING FACTOR, BUT
UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY AND POLES EXPRESS INTEREST
IN CHANGING STATUS OF THEIR MISSIONS WE BELIEVE WE
SHOULD DISSUADE NATO ALLIES AND OTHERS ACCORDINGLY.
IN THIS CONNECTION, DEGREE OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT
ACCORDED MM MEMBERS IN REGARD TO LICENSE PLATES,
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, PROTOCOL, ETC., PROBABLY SERVES
AS PARTIAL DETERRENT TO CHANGE. KLEIN

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